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WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS—WISCONSIN BAY AREA

(BROWN, DOOR, FLORENCE, KEWAUNEE, MANITOWOC, MARINETTE, MENOMINEE, OCONTO, SHAWANO, SHEBOYGAN COUNTIES)

June 2005

Wisconsin Bay Area Continues Late Spring Unemployment Decline

May 2005	Green Bay MSA	Brown	Door	Flor.	Kew.	Manit.	Marit.	Meno.	Oconto	Shaw.	Sheboygan MSA	Bay Area	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force**	169,700	137,400	16,600	2,800	11,900	44,900	22,900	1,700	20,400	22,100	63,800	344,400	3,032,400
Employed	162,200	131,400	15,800	2,600	11,500	42,800	21,700	1,500	19,400	21,100	61,300	328,800	2,893,500
Unemployed	7,500	6,000	800	200	500	2,100	1,200	200	1,000	1,000	2,500	15,600	138,800
Unemployment Rate %	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%	6.2%	4.0%	4.8%	5.4%	10.3%	4.9%	4.7%	3.9%	4.5%	4.6%
Change from one month ago April 2005													
Civilian Labor Force**	-800	-500	700	100	0	100	100	20	-240	100	0	300	600
Employed	-500	-400	900	100	0	200	200	20	-60	200	0	1,000	5,300
Unemployed	-300	-100	-200	0	0	-100	-100	0	-180	-100	0	-700	-4,700
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.2%	0.0%	-1.4%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.1%	-0.8%	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.1%
Change from one year ago May 2004													
Civilian Labor Force**	-100	0	100	-200	0	-1,200	-800	0	-100	300	100	-1,800	-17,200
Employed	100	100	200	-200	0	-600	-600	0	0	300	500	-300	-9,400
Unemployed	-200	-100	-100	0	0	-600	-200	0	-100	0	-300	-1,500	-7,800
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.7%	0.5%	-0.2%	-1.1%	-0.8%	-1.3%	-0.7%	-0.2%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.2%

** Data base on place of residence. Estimates not seasonally adjusted unless noted. Current monthly estimates are preliminary and rounded so total may not add correctly

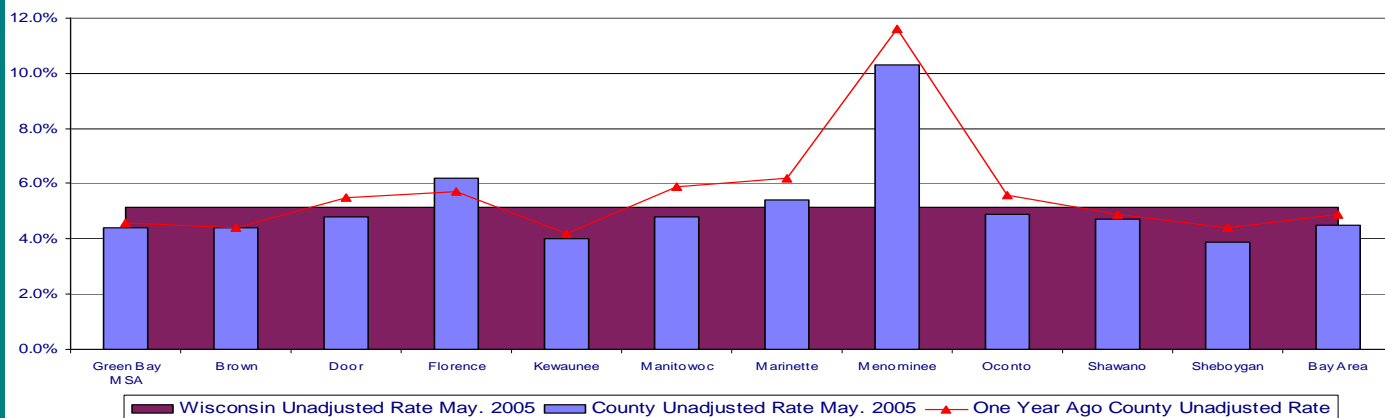
The Wisconsin Bay Area continued its late spring decline in its seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate. The rate for the area declined 0.2 of a percentage point over the month to 4.5 percent. The rate for the month was the lowest level for May since 2000, when the rate was 2.7 percent. Six of the area's ten counties had unemployment rates that declined over the month, while three counties had no change in their rates and Menominee County was the only county to experience an increase in its monthly rate.

The unemployment rate continued to follow a typical seasonal pattern this spring as unemployment rates began declining during March. While the unemployment rate

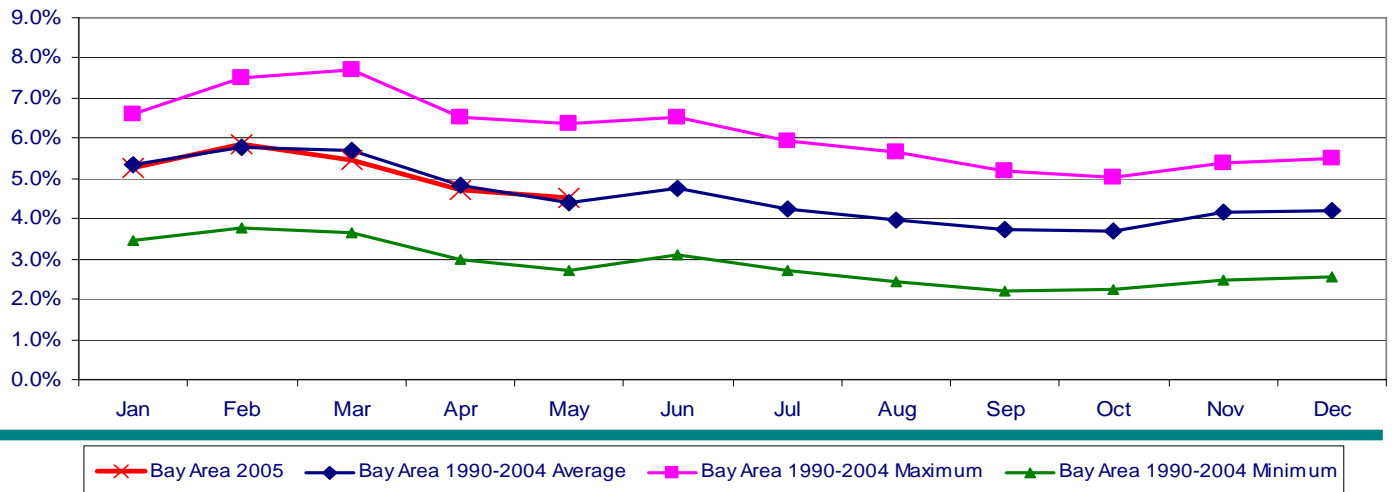
usually declines through mid to late summer, June is often the exception. The month of June generally experiences a large increase in the labor force during the early part of the month, and often the workers are not on payroll when the employment estimate takes place. This inflates the unemployment rate for the month. This generally smooths out during July as the employment is picked up. Many that were not successful in finding summer jobs leave the labor force often leave the labor force in July. If the weather is cold and wet during the early part of June, the rate of hiring may be slower and affect the rate as well.

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Bay Area Unadjusted Rates Compared to Wisconsin



Monthly Unemployment Rates - Highs, Lows, Average 1990 - 2004, Versus 2005



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On average, (1990—2004) the rate drops about 0.5 of a percentage point in May. This leaves the decline slightly below the average monthly change, although the average rate for the month is 4.4 percent, which is very close to this month's 4.5 percent. The rate continued to show improvement over the year with a decline of 0.4 of a percentage point from last May. However, the decline is primarily the result of fewer workers in the labor force (-1,800) compared to last May and less workers employed (-1,500) from a year ago.

Florence County was the only one in the Bay Area with an increase in its over-the-year unemployment rate. It was up 0.5 of a percentage point. Menomonee County experienced the greatest drop in its unemployment rate over the year in the region, dropping 1.3 of a percentage point to 10.3 percent.

Rates for individual counties in the region typically varied a great deal, ranging from a low of 3.9 percent in the Sheboygan MSA to a high of 10.3 percent in Menomonee County. Florence and Menomonee Counties were the only counties in the region listed in the ten highest unemployment rates in the State of Wisconsin for May. Menomonee County had the highest rate in Wisconsin. All local area labor force statistics were revised for the months January through May of this year with the release of this month's data.

The number of workers in the labor force rose 300 in May to 344,400. The monthly increase of 300 is well below the average monthly long term increase of 2,200. Employment increased by 1,000 during the month to 328,800. This was 300 below one year ago.

Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWs) employment increased 4,200 over the month to 318,900. Service providing jobs were up 2,600 to 226,800, while goods producing jobs rose 1,500 to 92,000 jobs. The number of jobs in the Bay Area was up 3,200 from May 2004.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

As of January, seasonally adjusted data is no longer available for sub-state levels. Statewide and national data will continue to have seasonally adjusted data. The seasonally adjusted rate for the State of Wisconsin was up 0.2 of a percentage point at 4.7 percent. The United States' rate was unchanged at 5.4 percent.

*Note on the table on page three that with the change of the Green Bay MSA to include Brown, Kewaunee, and Oconto Counties that individual county NFWs data is no longer available as it is aggregated into the Green Bay MSA column.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.wisconsin.gov/oea>.

Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)*

National (U.S. City Average) 1982-84 = 100			% Change	Class B/C - North Central States (1996 = 100)			% Change	Class D - North Central States (1996 = 100)			% Change
U.S. City Average	May-05	Apr-05	May-04	(Size 50,000-150,000)	May-05	Apr-05	May-04	(Size Less than 50,000)	May-05	Apr-05	May-04
All Items	194.4	194.6	2.8%	All Items	119.3	119.6	3.0%	All Items	181.6	181.7	2.5%
Food & Beverage	191.1	190.7	2.5%	Food & Beverage	117.5	117.4	2.4%	Food & Beverage	185.0	184.9	4.5%
Housing	194.5	194.4	3.0%	Housing	116.8	116.8	2.1%	Housing	170.3	170.0	1.5%
Apparel & Upkeep	122.4	123.7	-0.8%	Apparel & Upkeep	88.2	90.7	-0.5%	Apparel & Upkeep	129.9	128.0	-3.1%
Transportation	172.1	173.2	4.2%	Transportation	123.2	124.6	6.4%	Transportation	160.4	162.7	3.7%
Gasoline (all Types)	187.3	192.9	10.3%	Gasoline (all Types)	189.4	198.9	36.3%	Gasoline (all Types)	164.2	181.4	28.2%
Medical Care	322.2	321.5	4.3%	Medical Care	140.3	140.1	7.1%	Medical Care	322.3	320.4	5.3%
Energy	169.4	170.9	9.9%	Energy	161.4	165.0	18.5%	Energy	153.3	158.1	15.9%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics *Not Seasonally Adjusted

Wisconsin Bay Area Workforce Development Area										
May 2005	Green Bay MSA	Door	Florence	Manitowoc	Marinette	Menominee	Shawano	Sheboygan MSA	Bay Area	Wisconsin
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	169,700	13,400	1,300	36,100	21,300	2,000	12,900	62,300	318,900	2,844,500
Total Private	148,500	11,600	1,000	31,400	18,800	200	9,900	55,700	277,100	2,421,600
Goods Producing	40,600	2,900	400	12,600	7,300	0	2,700	25,600	92,000	642,300
Service Producing	129,100	10,500	900	23,500	14,000	2,000	10,200	36,700	226,800	2,202,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	9,600	1,000	100	2,100	800	0	600	2,700	16,900	139,000
Manufacturing	31,000	1,900	300	10,500	6,400	0	2,100	22,900	75,200	503,300
Trade	25,300	1,900	100	4,200	2,900	100	2,300	7,900	44,700	428,600
Transportation & Utilities	11,400	100	0	1,600	800	0	300	1,300	15,600	109,300
Financial Activities	10,900	600	0	1,100	500	0	500	2,300	16,000	157,700
Education and Health Services	21,100	1,500	100	4,900	3,100	0	1,500	7,000	39,200	384,400
Leisure & Hospitality	15,100	2,900	200	3,100	1,800	100	1,400	4,900	29,400	262,000
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	24,100	1,700	100	3,900	2,400	0	1,300	6,700	40,300	437,300
Total Government	21,200	1,800	300	4,700	2,400	1,900	2,900	6,600	41,800	422,900
Federal	1,200	100	30	200	100	10	100	200	2,000	29,100
State	2,600	100	10	200	200	10	100	600	3,800	104,900
Local	17,400	1,600	300	4,300	2,100	1,900	2,800	5,800	36,100	288,900
Change from one month ago	April 2005									
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	1,300	1,000	0	600	400	100	200	600	4,200	37,200
Percent change NFWS from last month	0.8%	7.7%	3.8%	1.7%	1.9%	3.7%	1.8%	1.0%	1.3%	1.3%
Total Private	1,400	900	40	540	370	20	280	700	4,300	37,300
Goods Producing	500	100	30	380	100	0	70	400	1,500	14,500
Service Producing	800	900	20	200	300	70	200	200	2,600	22,700
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	500	100	20	220	80	0	40	200	1,100	9,400
Manufacturing	0	0	10	160	20	0	30	200	400	5,100
Trade	300	100	0	50	40	0	60	100	700	3,700
Transportation & Utilities	200	0	0	0	20	0	10	1,000	1,200	1,200
Financial Activities	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	400
Education and Health Services	200	0	0	10	20	0	30	0	200	1,400
Leisure & Hospitality	400	700	10	130	140	10	80	300	1,700	14,700
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	-200	0	10	-20	50	0	20	-100	-200	1,400
Total Government	-100	0	10	100	0	100	-100	-100	-100	-100
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-600
Local	-100	0	10	100	0	50	-100	-100	-100	500
Change from one year ago	May 2004									
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	2,000	100	0	-200	200	0	100	800	3,200	27,000
Percent change NFWS from last year	1.2%	1.0%	-0.1%	-0.5%	1.1%	1.7%	1.2%	1.3%	1.0%	1.0%
Total Private	2,000	200	0	-300	200	0	0	900	3,100	26,300
Goods Producing	400	100	0	-300	200	0	-100	300	600	8,300
Service Producing	1,600	0	0	200	0	0	200	500	2,500	18,700
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	400	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	600	5,400
Manufacturing	0	100	0	-300	200	0	-100	200	100	2,900
Trade	500	-100	0	0	0	0	100	500	1,000	-1,000
Transportation & Utilities	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	1,500
Financial Activities	-200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-500
Education and Health Services	700	0	0	100	0	0	0	200	1,000	10,000
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	100	0	-100	0	0	0	200	0	5,700
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	-300	0	2,300
Total Government	0	-100	0	100	0	0	100	-100	100	700
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-200
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-100	2,100
Local	0	-100	0	100	0	0	200	0	200	-1,200
*** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted.										
Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2003										

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